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1. GUIDANCE FOR SUBJECT MEETING AS REQUESTED BY REF A
IS FURNISHED AS FOLLOWS.

2. AGENDA ITEM PART I NO II REPORT BY THE COEC
MONITORING GROUP ON THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICAL-MILITARY
ASSESSMENTS (REF B). WE BELIEVE THAT ADEQUATE

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INSTRUMENTS NOW EXIST FOR MAKING POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS

IN THE FORM OF THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE
(ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF
APPROPRIATE INPUTS FROM THE CEP DIRECTORATE) AND FOR
PRODUCTION OF MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT
PRESENT ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS (WITH APPROPRIATE CEP
INPUTS TO THE POLITICAL ASSESSMENT) CONTINUE THROUGH
HILEX 6. UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXERCISE A REVALUATION
OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW GROUP TO
PROVIDE A COORDINATED POLITICAL-MILITARY ASSESSMENT
COULD THEN BE MADE.

3. AGENDA ITEM PART II NO IV. OUR COMMENTS ON THE

NETHERLANDS LETTER CONTAINED IN REF C APPLY. AS TO THE
CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS IN AC/237-N/101 (REF D) WHILE
WE DO NOT OBJECT TO DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO
THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL ALERT PROCEDURES, THE COEC
IS NOT THE PLACE FOR DISCUSSIONS OF NATIONAL
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS NOR DO WE WISH TO DISCUSS
THE REVISION OF MC 67/3 AT THIS TIME.

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